

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND VETERANS RELATIONS**

May 7, 2008

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Beavers, Claypool, Daley, Gorman, Goslin, Maldonado, Murphy, Peraica, Quigley, Schneider and Sims (13)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Collins, Moreno and Steele (4)

Also Present: Takashi Reinbold – Interim Revenue Director

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental and Veterans Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the hour of 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

293637 REVENUE DIRECTOR (APPOINTMENT) Transmitting a Communication from Todd H. Stroger, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners:

Pursuant to Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-433 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, I hereby appoint **TAKASHI REINBOLD** to the position of Revenue Director effective immediately.

Mr. Reinbold holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas and has a long and distinguished career in public service. Takashi Reinbold is highly experienced in government finance and will be an asset to Cook County as Revenue Director.

I submit this communication for your approval.

* Referred to the Committee on Legislation, Intergovernmental and Veterans Relations on April 23, 2008.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved the approval of Communication Number 293637.

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Mr. Reinbold gave his presentation to the Committee members. (See Attachment #1.)

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

On the motion to approve, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Silvestri, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:

Communication Number 293637

Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Legislation,
Intergovernmental and Veterans
Relations



Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:


Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

** The audio recording for this meeting is available from the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT

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- Attachment #1

May 7, 2008

The Honorable Lawrence Suffredin
Chairman Legislation, Intergovernmental & Veterans Relations Committee
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark St,
Room 567
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Chairman Suffredin and Members of the Committee,

I would like begin by thanking President Stroger for offering me this opportunity to sit before you in seeking your support for approval of my appointment to the position of Director of Revenue. My career at Cook County encompasses 25 years of service. I have a BSBA from University of Arkansas. My service career at the County started in the Cook County Auditor Office, then on to the Cook County Position Classification Agency, Department of Budget and Management Services (22 years), and now currently acting in the position of Director of Revenue.

I am enthusiastically working towards the modernization of the Department of Revenue. I know that my efforts can be constructive in trying to provide services for the tax payers. I will follow the progressive efforts of other entities in solving problems and try to encourage the use of these efforts at all times. My process will start with making sure all parties including end users are involved in the process of improvement. Furthermore, automation is a key player in the improvement of processes in this department, but we must not get caught up in the short term cost oversight by neglecting the long term impact of these improvements. As I plan for these improvements, the long term impact will be considered a significant component of the plan. Examples of some changes would be online tax returns for the various home rule taxes, which are mostly submitted on a monthly basis and another plan is working with the Treasurer in automating the Scavenger Tax Sale. We are using the GIS application to find unincorporated addresses. However, it takes a cooperative effort from all parties with a stake in the services of the entity to make sure that revenues are collected as efficiently as possible. These types of automation projects will relieve personnel time dedicated to manual input processes, to time available in helping with improving enforcement and compliance of home rule taxes. The main idea of the automation is that revenue reporting and collection efforts will be easier and more accurate.

My goal is to ultimately work towards improving the Department of Revenue's service to the Citizen's of Cook County and to other County departments. As discussed, automation will be a key component in offering taxpayers easy-to-understand and efficient ways of doing business. This will ultimately provide taxpayers doing business with the Department of Revenue a more professional, productive experience. My vision embraces the use of the latest technological advancement, along with automation and training, to successfully carry out the duties of the department while knowing that my highest priority is serving the taxpayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Takashi Reinbold

Acting Director of Revenue



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Takashi Reinbold

Professional Experience

Cook County Budget Department

Deputy Director Data Services

Responsibilities include:

- *Manage production of Tax Levy, Executive Recommendation, Annual Appropriation Bill, and Newspaper publication.*
- *Manage of the Budget Network System and the databases in the Budget Department.*
- *Ad hoc reporting based upon requests from the President, Chief Financial Officer, and Budget Director when such reports are not available on JD Edwards.*
- *Forecasting of Estimated Expenditures and Revenues for the purpose of sustainability.*
- *Reconcile amendments in order to prepare a balanced budget for use by the entire Cook County Government.*
- *Prepare the Balanced Budget for the County Financial System and create the Position File for Payroll implementation purposes.*
- *Monitor the county spending by reviewing expenditures. Determine the pattern of the spending based on historical trend analysis.*
- *Created a New Non Union Pay Plan to address over generous step increases.*
- *Cost analysis for labor negotiations. Determine future costs of proposed plans and forecast future costs of existing or ratified plans.*
- *Technical Advisor on format and compliance of budget requests.*

Cook County Position Classification Agency

- *Job Analyst - Performed job reviews and interviews for the purpose of job reclassifications.*
- *Conducted salary surveys for Semi- annual Metropolitan Salary Survey.*
- *Performed staffing and time studies with Industrial Engineers.*

Cook County Auditor

- *Field Auditor - Performed audits of financial statements of fee generating departments as well as expenditure review of grants. Review of internal financial controls.*

Education

University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas

B.S.B.A. - Major in Accounting

August 1986 to
Present

June, 1984 to
August 1986

July, 1983 to
June 1984

Graduation May
1983